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LB 14A, 976A

CLERK: 25 ayes, 7 nays on the motion to advance the A bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The bill is advanced. LB 976A, we will pass over it. Senator Johnson, are you going to handle this? Senator Peterson, rather.

CLERK: Mr. President, 976A by Senator Haberman. (Read title.)

PRESIDENT: Senator Richard Peterson. May we have order in the Chamber please. (Gavel.) Senator Peterson.

SENATOR R. PETERSON: Mr. President and members, I would move for the advancement of LB 976. It is really a very simple bill. It is more or less a housekeeping measure. As you probably are aware the Department of Agriculture is empowered by statute to publish both the Nebraska Weed Book and the Nebraska Insect Book and the supplements, inserts thereto. The weed book is currently being reprinted and the insect book is in the developmental stage and is approximately one and a half years from completion. LB 976 establishes a cash fund for depositing the proceeds from the sale of these publications and the cash fund would be used for publishing, preparing, and distributing the books and the inserts as well as making updates to the publications. Without this fund, when the general fund appropriations allotted to this program are used up the Department must obtain either additional general fund appropriations or deficit appropriations to print and reprint these books. This causes the printing, preparation, and distribution of these books to cease until additional funds are made available. And this additionally is to ensure that the two books be produced in the future and the weed book could or will become self-supporting in approximately two years. I strongly feel that these two books are worthy of publication and a cash fund would be a beneficial way to accomplish this. I would move for the advancement of LB 976. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Is there further discussion on LB 976A? If not,